

Teens pay price for economic breakdown

Domenica Gilbert
Becky Jarding

As the time of year approaches when college applications will soon be due, students are finding that during this economic recession, it is becoming increasingly important to plan for the future.

Seniors all over the country are entering a phase of their lives where most of their time is spent researching and applying to colleges. This year, however, students will have more financial concerns when deciding whether or not to begin their post-secondary education.

"More students are looking to

go to college," said Laura Olson, Director of Financial Aid at the University of Sioux Falls. "During an economic crisis, people naturally go back to their education."

Schools in the area, including the University of Sioux Falls, have found this to be true. Southeast Tech, for example, has found a 16 percent increase in enrollment over the past year.

Although pursuing a higher education is becoming more popular, admissions and academic standards are remaining the same. As a result, competition to gain admissions will inevitably become more aggressive.

"What is important for students

is that they start early on their college research and ACT exams," said Olson. "Also, it is even more important now than in the past for students to visit, and even re-visit, college campuses."

Although more students are choosing to go to college, sometimes that decision is put on hold.

"Some students are considering taking time off to work in order to save money, avoiding borrowing as much," said Olson. "It is becoming a tug of war for students to make this decision."

Certain students are finding a compromise between the two

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Burning Issues: Fact or Fiction

1. All colleges are raising their tuitions.

Fiction: Although some colleges are raising tuitions, others are remaining the same and still more have lowered their prices.

2. More students are working during college to afford their education.

Fact: The economic scare has caused an increase in student employment.

3. Competition to gain admittance into college is increasing.

Fact: With more perspective students applying to colleges, competition is increasing.

4. It is always less expensive for students to live off-campus.

Fiction: In most cases, living on-campus is more affordable due to the recent rise in living expenses.

Homecoming shows school spirit

Maria Barnett
Entertainment Editor

The 2009-2010 school year started off strong with an energy-filled Homecoming week. The student council brainstormed over the summer months to introduce some new ideas to the O'Gorman faculty and students.

This year students enjoyed a few new things to spice up the week. *Space Jam* on McEneaney Field was a hit and students enjoyed the concept of music between classes over the intercom.

"I thought it was a great way to break up the day," said senior Pat Brende. "It also put people in a great mood for school."

The student council got creative this year to make Homecoming something everyone could enjoy. The dress themes included 80s Day, Space Day, Western Day, and of course O'Gorman Spirit Day. Students participated wholeheartedly in each of the days.

"Every year there are some people who don't really participate, but this year those who did dress up did a great job – especially Keegan Miles," said Brende.



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O'Gorman students cheer during the football game against Rapid City Stevens.

Students were enthusiastic this year for all of the events during Homecoming week. With the help of the student council and their adviser, Mr. Doug Basche, most students became very involved.

This year students greatly anticipated the Variety Show and the gym was full for the performances.

Various crowd favorites included the Wannabes, the Dang Chos, the Student Council Skit and Larissa and Bailey Larson. A spin-off of last year's Eclipse, the Senior Wockeez and Wannabes provided entertainment for the show.

"The Wannabes were so fun!" said junior Jackie Haiar. "And the

Senior Wockeez were something new and different, definitely entertaining."

It may be a surprise to some, but faculty and staff enjoyed Homecoming festivities too.

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Exchange students enrich O'Gorman

Chris Oligmueller
Sports Editor

O'Gorman High School and its students have recieved an opportunity to increase their understanding of foreign cultures.

For the past fifteen years, O'Gorman has been hosting students from around the world to come and receive an education in the United States.

In past years, the number of foreign exchange students accepted by O'Gorman was usually five or six. Recently, however, that number has steadily grown, and eighteen foreign pupils currently attend our school.

"Before being accepted to the program here students have to do very well on the English proficiency test," said Ms. Donna Carlson, overseer of foreign students.

The program's high selectivity is in effect so there will be a minimal need for classroom adjustments explained, Carlson.

"Like any normal student, the student that is part of the program has to take a class to understand our nation, whether it is US History or US Government," said Carlson.

Students may also have to take a religion class, explained Carlson.

"The point of this program is to build diversity and increase culture," said Carlson.

Students build lasting relationships, and some are even compelled to return the following year in order to maintain those bonds.

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Alum makes way to Late Show

Shilpa Chandran
Assistant Editor

The students and staff of O'Gorman High School now have one more reason to stay up late. Samuel Benedict, a graduate from the 2005 class of O'G, has been selected out of a national pool for a production internship on the *Late Show with David Letterman*.

During his years at O'Gorman, Benedict involved himself in oral interpretation and even made nationals his senior year.

"He was just a free-spirit and respectful individual," said Ms. Teresa Fester, oral interpretation coach at O'Gorman. "He was always entertaining, but at the same time, he never demanded attention. He simply had the attention of all who were around him. It doesn't surprise me that a television show such as David Letterman would recognize his charm and sense of humor."

Out of numerous applicants throughout the United States, only



Sam Benedict

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Letter from the Editors

To our beloved readers:

As summer becomes a thing of the past and we settle into our daily school routine, we pause to reflect on our experiences as a part of last year's *Scroll* staff and also to look forward to another great year working on the paper.

Last year, we both became a part of the *Scroll* for the first time as juniors. It was not only a great learning experience, but also a unique opportunity to get to be involved with the school paper. In addition, we had the privilege of working with many talented individuals.

Under the fearless leadership of Tanya Kapoor as editor-in-chief, we were able to publish a terrific paper with truly well-written stories. As Mr. Groos would say, it was a blue-ribbon paper.

We were also guided by Melissa Rushing, Jameson Goetz, and Joe Klein, who really stepped up as leaders.

One of our goals last year was to write hard-hitting news stories that would be well-received by our



readers. Although we began to accomplish this, we would like to see this goal transcend into this year's issues.

We hope that this year our stories are not only well-received by our readers, but that they are applicable and helpful to the student body as well.

While writing this issue of the paper, our goal was constantly on our minds. We wanted to make sure it would be an integral part of our stories.

However, we didn't realize how much work went into writing a decent paper while incorporating our aims.

Coming to this realization led us to discover that this year would involve much more teamwork

than ever before.

Having little experience in leading a team of writers, the publication of this paper has truly been a group effort. Every person contributed to writing the stories, designing the layouts, and finalizing all the details.

While we're giving credit where credit is due, we cannot forget to thank our adviser, Mr. V. Although we may sometimes give him a hard time, we truly appreciate all the "blood, sweat, and tears" (in his words) he puts not only into the paper itself but also into creating great journalists out of a few average high school students.

We are eager to jump into another great year of journalism with an awesome team. As editors, we speak on behalf of the entire staff when we say we are proud to present this issue of the paper to you. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Domenica & Becky

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twenty were chosen to be interviewed by the CBS crew, and out of those, a mere ten were selected for the final positions.

"After I met with the people there, I was pretty confident that my personality would fit in," said Benedict. "I just needed to be honest and tell them who I was and show them my personality."

"[Benedict] was incredibly outgoing and meshed well with all types of personalities," said Fester. "He was definitely well liked and had the most contagious laugh. He has such great character that people realize that there is something special and sincere about him."

As a senior at the University of South Dakota he majored in contemporary media and minored in theatre. It was his interests, however, that served to distinguish him from the crowd.

"What helped me more were the extracurricular activities I did at USD," said Benedict. "I'm in a band, and I also worked as a DJ."

This internship, which lasts till Christmas, requires the interns to aid in a variety of different roles. At any given point in the work day they may be distributing scripts,

working with producers, updating the talent board, or even assisting the writers.

"I have to be attentive at all times," said Benedict.

The hectic aspects of the job are balanced out by the real world experiences that the interns are receiving.

"I'm watching people that I would say are the best in the business," said Benedict. "I'm learning all the necessary things in order to make the show run smooth."

Benedict is currently staying in New York City and is grateful that the transition there has been fairly smooth.

"I had a few friends that lived here, plus the other interns, so I already had a group of people that I knew," said Benedict. "It just worked out that way for me, so it wasn't all that difficult."

Though he is not certain what he wants to do as a long-time career, Benedict does not underestimate the value of the skills he is now developing.

"Honestly, I'm hoping to gain experience with the television industry and see how it works," said Benedict. "That way when I do go for a job, I'll have knowledge of it."

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Campus Ministry leader brings new ideas; builds on past successes in new year

Becky Jarding
Co-Editor

Between the school's new building and many new faculty members, change has become a reoccurring theme of this school year. Campus Ministry is no exception to this trend. However, many of its aspects will remain the same.

Campus Ministry's most obvious change is its new leader, Mr. Brian Feller. The past theology teacher replaced Ms. Jennifer Moser as head of Campus Ministry. According to Feller, his plan for Campus Ministry is very similar to last year's strategy.

"Not much is new, I'm just trying to do what Jesus did 2,000 years ago," said Feller.

Campus Ministry will continue to host Catholic Culture Club during lunch periods and many of the group's service projects will remain the same. Campus Ministry will also continue to help with Habitat for Humanity and serve at the Banquet and the St. Francis House each semester in addition to organizing Empty Bowls.

A core team will also continue to be a part of Campus Ministry. This year's team is made up of seniors-Greg Billion, Madeline Fritz, Emily Hoffmann, Liz Kappenman, Katie Ridder and Tyler Soldatke, juniors-Ben Linsenmeyer, James Orlando, Jessica Sundleaf and Kelly Stephens, sophomores-Molly Amundson, Brian Billion, Mary Prouse and Simon Scholten, and

freshman Meghan McCormick.

In order to determine how the core team and the rest of the student body can best serve others, Feller plans on discovering "where there's a need and what we can do to help."

Having cared for a dying man in Washington D.C. while working with the Missionaries of Charity, Feller understands how to serve those in need. He will use such skills to find new service projects for Campus Ministry to spearhead.

However, service is not the only thing on Feller's mind this year.

"I hope to help people understand how important Mass is to life," said Feller. "I want everyone to go to mass and receive Jesus' love."

Bishop blesses new building

Shilpa Chandran
Assistant Editor

On August 26, O'Gorman's new building had its first blessing from Bishop Paul Swain.

The Bishop has a tradition of visiting and blessing new Catholic schools in his diocese. He is the Shepherd of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, and the majority of the children and teenagers of his diocese attend Catholic schools.

"I thought that it was really generous of the Bishop to take time out of his very hectic schedule to come and bless O'Gorman," said junior Jessica Sundleaf.

The preparation for the Bishop's visit was longer than the actual visit itself. Meetings to organize this event started at the end of April. The church protocol had to be followed when organizing what the Bishop would be doing.

Father David Desmond, the O'Gorman High School chaplain, was the contact person between the Bishop's Office and the high school.

"This liturgy and blessing had many unique aspects to them, so there were many details to be worked out," said Desmond.

Bishop Swain's intentions also had to be thought of when planning this momentous occasion.

"By blessing the school, he was able to entrust the care and education of many young people to Christ through the intercession of Mary," said Desmond. "It is a very rare opportunity for a Bishop to be able to walk into every classroom and to bless every student, faculty and staff member, but it was very important to Bishop Swain to be able to do this."

While the effect of the blessing may not be a tangible part of the school, Father Desmond and everyone else involved in this hopes that the students realize what an effect this has on the school.

"I hope that they will all realize what an incredible honor it is to have been able to experience this," said Desmond. "We are a very blessed and privileged group of people to be able to be a part of such a faith-filled community."

This value placed on a faith-oriented education and school has not gone unappreciated by the students themselves.

"I feel blessed to be able to go to a school where there are many opportunities to express my faith and grow in my faith," said Sundleaf.

Music festival provides faith and fun

Christina Engeman
Faith Editor

Although the band names weren't as well known, this year's LifeLight Festival was just as good as years past.

With record-breaking attendance on Sunday and crowd favorites like Family Force 5, Kutless, and Newsboys, 2009 made for a successful LifeLight year.

"Seeing Family Force 5 was amazing. Their music is upbeat and fun to dance to," said Mary Abbott, a senior. "They're the whole reason I went this year."

Family Force 5 was a huge hit on Sunday to wrap up the weekend. On the previous nights many high school students could be found at the Souled Out stage,

which has a more alternative/edgy atmosphere.

The main stage was home to larger, better-known acts and the Coffeehouse stage hosted smaller, lesser-known bands. There was also a children's area with fun inflatables and music young kids would enjoy.

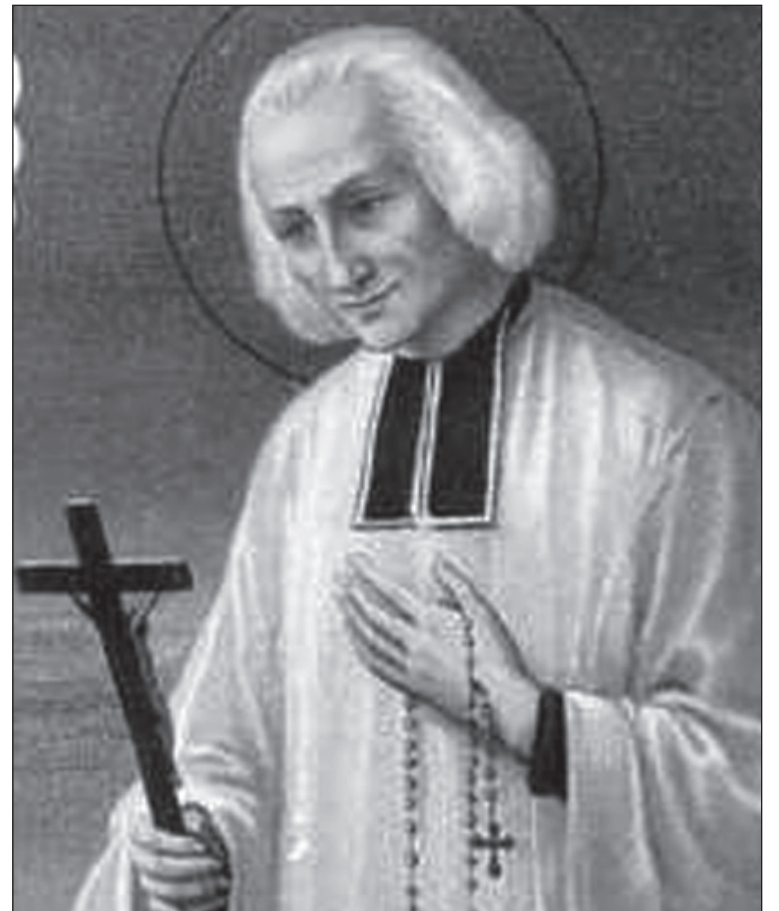
Any person of any age can enjoy LifeLight. There was always a speaker or performance going on so there was never a dull moment. If you're not really into music, then the social aspect of the weekend might draw you in. With such enormous crowds it's almost impossible to not find someone you know to hang out with.

Not only does LifeLight provide great entertainment based on Christian values, it also provides

numerous ways to volunteer. The whole festival is ran and made possible by volunteers, so without them there wouldn't be an event like this in Sioux Falls. The volunteer jobs range from parking and clean up to selling merchandise for band.

However, 2009 was the last year Wild Water West hosted the Christian music festival. Due to the large crowds and an expansion plan for Wild Water West, the event needs to find a new home for the future festivals.

Between the friends and music a good time will be had by all. For more information about the 2009 Festival or if you're interested in volunteering next year, visit www.lifelight.org.



PRESS PHOTO

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests.

Vianney devotes life to sacraments

Christina Engeman
Faith Editor

St. John Vianney was a model of Christ whom all Catholics can still learn from today.

St. John Vianney was born in France on May 8, 1786. He was a French priest who is now the patron saint of parish priests. Vianney attended schooling in his twenties until he was drafted into the French Army. About three years later he went back to school and shortly after was ordained a priest in 1815.

St. John Vianney became the parish priest of Ars, a town of about 230 people. While presiding in Ars he realized that the town's religious fervor had gone away and had been replaced with working, drinking and dancing. He focused

his parish work on confessions and homilies, which were directed towards blasphemy and dancing. It is said that he wouldn't absolve parishioners unless they gave up dancing.

People traveled great distances to have their confessions heard by St. John Vianney because they heard of his devotion to the sacrament of reconciliation. Toward the end of his life he would spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional.

St. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. He was canonized a saint in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. This year also marks the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death and was declared the year of the priests by the Pope. St. John's body is incorruptible and on display in the Basilica at Ars in France.

Do you have a faith story?

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Band and choir students traveled to Europe to play a music tour and learn about the cultures of other countries throughout Europe.

Music students travel to Europe, gain insights

Trip spans 7 countries in two weeks

Cameron Johnson
Staff Writer

While most students spend their whole summer working or going to summer school, some of the students went on a trip that they will never forget.

This past summer, 20 students who were in show choir and band went on a vacation that went all around Europe. The trip lasted 17 days, with a four day prep camp, and visited numerous countries such as England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and Italy.

"There was nothing that wasn't fun," said senior Billy Baker. "The only bad thing was that it was too

short."

The trip gave these kids many memories, both good and bad. Eating at the Matterhorn and chilling in the Swiss Alps were a common favorite among some students.

Although they have many memories, they gained much more from it. When the trip was over, they realized that they all became closer and had made vast friendships.

These students weren't the only ones who went, however. A total of about 210 students, 150 choir and 140 band, and 40 parents, from all over South Dakota joined them. The trip was based

out of a group call "The Midwest Ambassadors of Music." Thus being said, the trip was not school related.

The students performed every three days, busing everywhere to the next performance in a new country, with sight-seeing on the off days.

"Some of them [performances] had really cool locations," said Baker.

Some of the sights they saw included the Globe Theatre, Notre Dame Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, and a favorite of director Mrs. Britton, St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice.



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David Meisinger plays during the Dakota Bowl halftime show.

Band marches into year with Dakota Bowl, Homecoming shows

Christina Engeman
Shilpa Chandran

The O'Gorman Knights 2009-10 Marching Band prepares as they march their way into the new season.

Dakota Bowl kicked off the season in a burst of high energy and excitement. At Homecoming, O'Gorman's students and staff had the opportunity to be the first audience to see the band's performance.

Though the competition was September 26 in Brandon, the members of the band have been practicing since summer. Freshmen had a band camp from July 30-31.

"The summer camps were really good," said sophomore Julia Nyberg. "Freshmen really learned what was going on."

However, it's the upperclassmen who stepped it up this year. After losing a considerable amount of their team, this year called for new leadership and ideas.

"A lot is on the students," said band director, Dr. Duane Niles. "They do everything by themselves, especially the upperclassmen."

The two drum majors, senior Carly Noyes, and junior Thomas Johnson, direct most of the band while section leaders focus on specific parts.

"The drum majors are really good," said Nyberg. "They know what it's like to march and where you're coming from. They know how to help you out and stay in step."

This year's music has a well-known theme: Pirates of the Caribbean. Students may have heard these familiar tunes as they arrive at school first thing in the morning.

"A lot of people are into the movies," said senior Andrew Gaspar. "The music is really exciting."

Yet, all this practicing is not going to waste. Multiple competitions with various schools have tested their abilities on a wider scope.

"We don't worry so much on placing or trophies," said Niles. "We try to focus on improving each day."

With such an attitude, the Knights have focused their time and dedication on performing their best.

Hartzell places sixth at interp nationals

Taylor Reaves
Activities Co-Editor

Although the hallways of O'Gorman were silent, the school's voice was still heard. This is thanks in part due to the O'Gorman Oral Interp team.

They competed in Birmingham, Alabama from June 13 through June 20. The qualifiers were Tyler Jacobsen and Whitney Hartzell in Humor, Shilpa Chandran in Drama, Maggie Lawler in Original Oratory, and Nick Sideras in Student Congress.

"Beyond competing throughout the year, we practiced every

day from memorial weekend until we departed in June," said Ms. Teresa Fester.

This year turned out to be one of the best years for the Interp team. Lawler made top 30 in Original Oratory, Chandran made top 60 in Drama, and Sideras, Jacobsen and Chandran made quarterfinals in Expository Speaking.

Hartzell made it to the 13th and final round of Humorous Interp and placed 6th out of 220 competitors in the nation.

"She had a flawless final performance," said Fester.

Hartzell was the only South Dakotan to make it to finals.

"I was extremely pleased with the results, and it was fun to experience the whole 'national hype' with such a great group of kids," said Fester.

The Interp team expects to go again next year.

"I am very appreciative of the individuals who traveled to Birmingham as they represented the best that the O'G Interp team had to offer," said Fester.

There is also hope for the new students at O'G.

"Last year, I had a large group of talented kids graduate, but that has opened the door for many students this year," said Fester.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Shilpa Chandran, Maggie Lawler, Whitney Hartzell and Tyler Jacobsen competed at Interp Nationals in Birmingham.

Themes bring out creativity in students

'80s Day Space Day Western Day Spirit Day



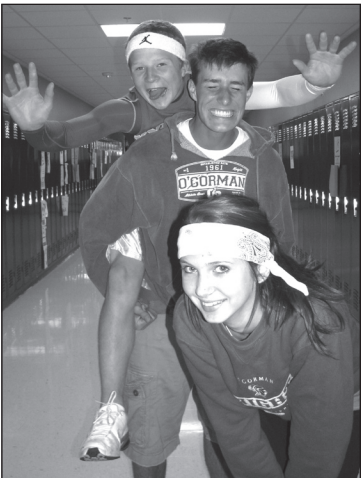
Caitlin Woodard



Kelly Stephens



Elizabeth Bunkers



Zach Cole, Sean Turgeon
and Rhianne Ammann

Homecoming Variety Show



Billy Baker and Erin Dicks are crowned King and Queen.



Taryn Blanchard plays a song during the Variety Show.



The Lady Os perform during the Variety Show.



The drumline performs during the Variety Show.

Cross country runs down the competition

Nicole Scheier
Staff Writer

Running into a new season, the O’Gorman cross country team faces challenges but still manages to maintain a high team spirit.

“Our biggest challenge is keeping the number of kids who go out for cross country growing,” said cross country coach Doug Lindner. “With the number of sports and activities available, cross country has had to work hard to get kids to be a part of the team.”

This year the boy’s cross country team has a solid number of 25 participants, whereas the Girl’s cross country team only has eight participants. Compared to the public schools average in Sioux Falls, the boys cross country team exceeds the public school average of 23 participants. However, the girls cross country team falls below the average of the public schools cross country team, which has sixteen

participants.

Despite this obstacle, the cross country team, like always, strives to improve. On Friday August 28, the cross country team competed in their first meet at Spencer Park, the O’G Invite. Apart from the O’Gorman cross country team, there were also teams from Yankton, Brandon Valley, Luverne, Brookings, and Aberdeen at the meet.

At the O’G Invite, the top runner for Boy’s Varsity team was senior Matt Schoppert, while the Boy’s JV top runner was junior Jon Ermer. As for the girls, only the JV team competed in this meet, and the top runner was freshman Allie Kneip. According to Abbey VanDenBerg, the girl’s team captain, the best part about cross country is how close the team gets.

“We all go out for different reasons, but we’re all working for one main goal together,” said VanDen-



KNIGHT LEGEND

Cross country runners Ally Beacom, Erin Peterson, Allie Kneip, Liz Cynkar and Taylor Sharpe compete in the O’Gorman invitational.

Berg.

Outside of practices and meets, the cross country team gets together for a meal before a meet or to watch a movie.

Even though the cross country team faces issues with their team numbers, they still present a strong sense of team unity. Being a part of the cross country team means,

“There is hard work, sacrifice, good times and bad, you grow together and hopefully achieve goals for yourself and the group,” said Lindner.

Girls soccer team strives for victory in upcoming season

Abby Meyers
Activities Co-Editor

The girls soccer team is looking strong this season, and with state titles the past two years, they have their eyes on the gold once again.

Captains Kerry Grogan, Af-ton Keiser and Nicole Schlotterback lead the girls this year. Also leading the team are seniors Mary Santella, Liz Bunkers and Rachel Mullin. Ryan Beier, who has been coaching the Knights for the past nine years, is head coach of the team. Out of those nine years, Coach Beier has led the Knights to three state titles and is hoping for another this year.

“The team gets along really well and we all feel very good about this season,” says senior midfielder Mary Santella.

The Knights have seven returning starters from last year, who are six seniors and junior Erika Olson, who is back and ful-



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Mary Santella and Liz Busch move the ball down the field.

ly recovered from an ACL injury that occurred last winter.

“We are very excited about this season and so far we are looking good,” says Beier.

The Knights also look to sophomores Alyssa Brazil, Ashton Weber, Elizabeth Busch, and Molly Buche for support. Four freshmen are also an important part of the varsity lineup this season, Anna Bills, Hailey Retterath,

Maris Bolender, and goalie Jenna Ellis.

“We have very strong underclassmen,” says Santella.

The Lady Knights have been conditioning a lot this season as they prepare for their toughest opponents. Aberdeen, Rapid City Stevens, and Washington are the teams the Knights are looking to defeat this season.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Terezia Petraskova returns a forehand.

Girls tennis team plans third year win

Domenica Gilbert
Co-Editor

The girls’ tennis team has been the state champions for the past two years. With the team’s top players returning, the girls are sure that they will take the title for a third year in a row.

“There is some tough competition, but I think that the girls on the team can handle it,” said senior Terezia Petraskova.

So far, the girls have won each duel and tournament that they have played in with sweeping victories.

“I’m not trying to blow smoke at anybody,” said Coach Don Barnes. “We expect to be good and should be. Basically, the girls need to stay free of injuries and sickness.”

This year, the team traveled over seven hours to compete at the Dominican Cup in Madison, Wisconsin. This was a new addition

to the schedule. Eight of the top girl’s teams in the upper Midwest were invited, and the Knights got second overall.

The team was able to prove their worth at the tournament and be known as tough competition amongst a broader pool of players.

“It’s pretty simple; O’Gorman is the most dominant team,” said Jason Olson, Head Coach of Rapid City Stevens. “They have the most depth and the most experience.”

The O’Gorman girls’ tennis team is also known for its dedication and hard work.

“Our girls refuse to give up social time to travel a couple hours for tournaments,” said Stevens Coach Olson. “The O’Gorman girls, on the other hand, dedicate a lot of time to the game.”

The state tournament, this year, will take place on October 8th through 10th in Sioux Falls.

Golfers aim for successful season

Cameron Johnson
Design Editor

The boys golf team is out to a great start this year. With performances as impressive as 1st place in the Washington duel and 2nd in the 16-team Huron invite, they hope to end as well as they started.

This year, they have a mix of some older, but mostly younger, players so experience could be an issue. Seniors Ben Peck, Troy Busch, and junior Michael Ruppert are looking to lead the team to get their goal of being in the top three

at state. Some of the other younger players who also hope to do well are freshman Collin Hammer and home-schooled student Austin Simon.

“If we can stay consistent throughout the rest of the season, we can really be a contender,” said Junior Tony Doherty. “That seems to be the only problem that stands in our way.”

There are about seven teams, not including O’Gorman, that could get in the way of them meeting their goal. Some of the teams include Yankton, Pierre, Watertown and Aberdeen Central.

Knights shut out defending champs

Domenica Gilbert
Co-Editor

After having lost their first game in Aberdeen, the O'Gorman Knights were eager to redeem themselves. With a 40-0 victory over the Lincoln Patriots, the team obviously succeeded in doing so.

"We wanted to show the school what we're made of," said senior lineman Conner Tiefenthaler. "We were not going to accept a defeat."

As the weather was easily the nicest it has been in the past few Dakota Bowls, the fans were ready to find their seats at the stadium.

"It was awesome to get out

there to support the team," said senior Emily Hoffmann. "We were all so excited and literally ran to the stands."

Although the game didn't start until eight, the festivities began much earlier. O'Gorman students and their families showed their support by tailgating all day.

"Though many of the guys and girls were surviving on no sleep, at three o'clock A.M. we found the O'Gorman diehard in all of us to really go the extra mile," said senior Ben Frank. "From putting up an inflatable Incredible Hulk, basketball hoop, and ping pong table, to eating brats and hamburgers

for breakfast, being an O'Gorman Knight is truly fulfilling."

The Knights took the lead early in the first quarter when senior quarterback Tony Viger scored the first touchdown. The team scored four more touchdowns in the first half of the game, three of which were caught by senior halfback Greg Billion.

By the time the fireworks show and patriotic music got started at half-time, the Knights were leading the game 34-0.

In the second half, junior fullback Pierce McDowell scored the final touchdown of the game, putting the Knights at a 40-0 defeat.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Mike Rock avoids a tackle from a Lincoln defender.

Soccer Knights tie top ranked team

Christina Engeman
Faith Editor

As the regular season concludes, the O'Gorman boys soccer team remains strong as they head off to the state tournament.

The Knights started the season off with a tough loss to Lincoln but came back by winning the next three games against Rapid City Stevens, Rapid City Central and Wattertown.

The boys then went on to tie Washington at home on the Mac, and then lost to Pierre in the next game.

With a win against the Yankton Bucks, the boys were ready to take on the number one ranked Aberdeen.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Zach Lang dribbles the ball downfield for a goal.

"It was pretty cool. I kind of wished we would've won," said senior Alexander Julian. "But it was good to tie the number one team."

After tying with Aberdeen, the Knights played Brookings and shot

them down 6-0. As of press time, the Knights' record was 5-2-2 and they're ranked number four out of thirteen teams. Their next game is October 3 against Spearfish at home.

Upcoming Events

October 3 - Boys & Girls Soccer vs. Spearfish

October 5-6 - Boys State Golf

October 6 - Volleyball at Washington

October 8-10 - Girls State Tennis

October 9 - Cross Country at Roosevelt

October 9 - Football at RC Central

October 15 - Volleyball vs. Roosevelt

October 16 - Football vs. Sturgis

October 20 - Volleyball vs. Brookings

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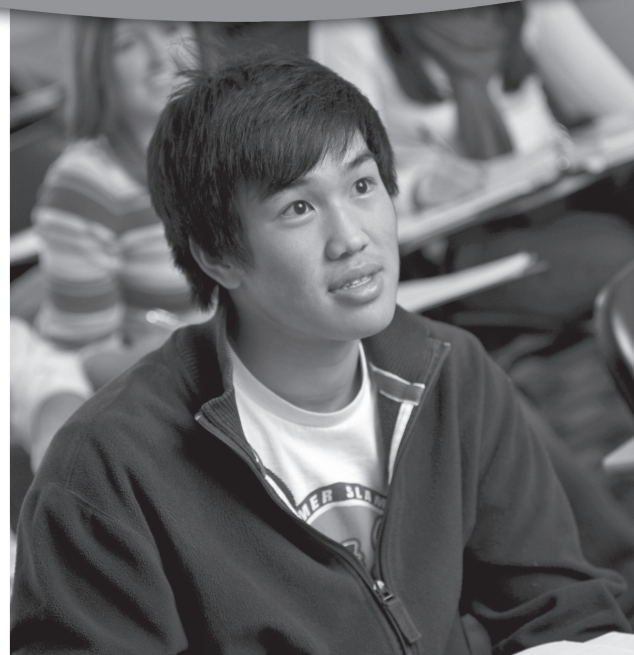
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Fall play to show laughter, tears

J.R. Stassi
Sports Co-Editor

A Little Piece of Heaven is here at O’Gorman. The O’Gorman drama department is putting on the play. *A Little Piece of Heaven* is written by Matthew Carlin.

“Since this play is rather young (2008), most audiences won’t know what to expect,” said Mr. Scott Nelson.

The play is both a comedy and a drama. The main plot is about a small curiosity shop where one can look for things that have been lost in the past.

The owners of the shop are exceedingly odd but no one knows why. Partway through the play comes a biker who is constantly arguing with an older lady named Lily, which provides some of the comical element.

“Hopefully, the audience will be laughing one minute and crying the next,” said Nelson.

Another challenge for the cast of *A Little Piece of Heaven* is that high school students will have to play older characters. One of the main characters is 87 years old.

Like many activities, the loss of seniors drastically affects the performance of the group, but Mr. Nelson is looking towards the bright side.

“We are always sad to see the seniors leave, but we are lucky enough to have many underclassmen ready to take their places,” said Nelson.

The play will open on Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m., and it will close on Monday, October 26 also at 7:00 PM.

Viewers Beware: ‘Wild Things’ Ahead

Chris Oligmueller
Sports Co-Editor

This time of year, everyone is concerned with different subjects, such as sports, school, and college life. Entertainment outside of school is often forgotten. Thankfully, Hollywood has come up with a remedy for that problem.

This coming October is full of great comedic movies that fit the Halloween theme. Kicking off the month are the upcoming comedies *Couple’s Retreat*, starring Vince Vaughn and Jason Bateman, and horror-comedy *Zombieland*, starring Woody Harrelson and *Adventureland*’s Jesse Eisenberg.

Later in the month are two book-to-film movies: *Where the*

Wild Things Are, and another comedy trying to make it big in the latest vampire/*Twilight* craze, starring John C. Reilly, is called *Cirque du Freak: The Vampire’s Assistant*. In the middle are the two highly anticipated films *Amelia*, starring Hilary Swank, and the sequel to cult classic *Boondock Saints* named *Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day*. Other movies being released are *The Stepfather*, *The Road*, *Law Abiding Citizen*, and *Solomon Kane*.

November prepares for the closing of the 2009 year with a smaller, but still entertaining amount of films. First is the Disney/Pixar animated take on the Charles Dickens novel, *A Christmas Carol*, with such voice talents as Jim Carrey and Gary Oldman.



Where the Wild Things Are hits theatres October 16. PRESS PHOTO

A film that has surely had a devout following since the release of its incarnation on screen is *Twilight Saga: New Moon* with the return of all the actors and actresses from the previous film. Another movie that will be released in time for Thanksgiving weekend is Disney’s movie starring John Travolta and Robin Williams, called *Old Dogs*. Other movies released in this month are *The Fourth Kind*, starring Mila Jovovich, and *Pirate Radio*.

With the year coming to an end, December tries its hardest to end the year with a bang. December is full of drama, movie-wise that is, with the film *Brothers*, starring Tobey Maguire and Jake Gyllenhal, and the book-to-movie film entitled *The Lovely Bones*.

If one wants to have their year end with a thriller, there is the action-thriller *Armored* with an all-star cast featuring Matt Dillon, Jean Reno, Lawrence Fishburne and Milo Ventimiglia. December is also going to have another classic book made into a film. The classic novel, written by Sir Arthur Canon Doyle, *Sherlock Holmes*, starring Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, and Rachael McAdams. People who are a fan of Titanic director James Cameron can go to see his upcoming, tight-lipped movie *Avatar*.

Anyone who has no idea what to do to relax this fall, other than go to an athletic event, now has an idea what to do with friends.

Topher’s Top Picks

Where the Wild Things Are

Why: The reason is that the book is easily one of the best children’s books ever, and the trailer to the film shows great promise. With computer-generated monsters that appear real, the film looks even better.

A Christmas Carol

Why: A classic movie that is such a trademark Christmas story, followed by the combined talents of actors Jim Carrey and Gary Oldman (Harry Potter, Dark Knight) and teamed with legendary director Robert Zemekis, shows great promise.

Sherlock Holmes

Why: With Robert Downey Jr. as the legendary detective, Jude Law as his trusty sidekick, and Rachael McAdams as the love interest, this film is easily one that will keep people entertained, both comically and theatrically, throughout the duration of the film.

Halloween season brings innovative, festive activities

Becky Jarding
Co-Editor

As autumn approaches, a slew of fall activities become possible for individuals to enjoy.

Although the weather is becoming cooler, outdoor activities are still available for people to partake in. One such activity is the Heartland Corn Maze in Harrisburg, SD. Admission is seven dollars for adults and the maze is open not only during the day, but at night as well.

For those who enjoy the outdoors, state parks are another place

to spend time in the fall. The Palisades, located near Garretson SD, can bring entertainment to rock climbers, hikers, and picnickers alike. Admission to the park is only six dollars a car, making the location an inexpensive destination.

“If you’re into nature, the Palisades are a great place to go to enjoy the outdoors,” said senior Alex Hagen. “During the summer, I went there once or twice a week.”

Devils Gulch, located in Garretson SD, is another hiking and climbing spot. As an added bonus, there is no admission required

for admittance into the park.

“Devil’s Gulch is a great secluded and peaceful place to go and enjoy the afternoon with friends,” said Hagen.

However, the outdoors are not the only source of fall entertainment. As Halloween approaches, one can look to the supernatural to provide an activity for themselves. The local area is home to quite a few supposed haunted spots.

“When it gets to be the Halloween season, my friends and I always have to hit the spooky attractions,” said senior Liz Kappen-

man. “It just wouldn’t be the same without it!”

One such attraction is Spook Road, located in Brandon. Supposedly, the road is haunted; on the way back from the road, one of the bridges disappears. Gitchie Manitou, near Sioux Falls, is another spot one can visit, in which tales of hauntings have occurred.

Perhaps the outdoors and the supernatural do not strike everyone as interesting. These individuals can easily create their own entertainment. Something simple, like a Godfather or Lord of the

Rings movie marathon is capable of providing a minimum of nine hours of entertainment.

For the more creative, throwing a masquerade ball is yet another way in which fall entertainment can be found. All one must do is create a mask, invite some people, and find some classical music.

Although it is easy for one to sit back and complain that there is nothing to do in Sioux Falls, once a little creativity and imagination are put forth, a multitude of activities can be found no matter what the season.

Rock band starts fresh, new direction ahead



ZACH DRESCH / KNIGHT SCROLL

Josh Fischer, Thomas Johnson, James Orlando, and Steve Schaeffer formed the band Set/Match/Run during the summer of 2009.

Zach Dresch
Staff Writer

As fall approaches, local music tends to go into hibernation. This is not the case for a new upcoming O’Gorman band.

Set/Match/Run is a four-piece alternative rock band consisting of O’Gorman juniors Steve Schaeffer, James Orlando, Thomas Johnson, and Josh Fischer. Schaeffer takes over on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Orlando on lead guitar, Johnson on bass, and Fischer on drums.

“Mainly, we thought it would be fun to jam together,” said Schaeffer. “We like to experiment with each other’s ideas.”

The band has a wide range of influences including classic rock acts such as Led Zeppelin and AC/DC, and also a variety of alternative rock acts, including John Mayer, Dave Matthews, Blink-182, and Taking Back Sunday. Another influence is Minneapolis live hip-hop group Heiruspecs.

“It started off as a fun side project,” said Johnson. “It turned into a full-time project that we really got

into.”

Recently, the band played at O’Gorman’s Freshmen Unity Day on Aug. 19, where they played for nearly 200 freshmen and seniors.

“That was more of a practice and warm-up show for us,” said Fischer. “We’re just getting a good feel for our songs.”

When it comes to a writing process, the band doesn’t have a specific formula.

“We just bounce off each other’s ideas,” said Schaeffer. “We just play around for fun for the most part.”

“I really enjoy playing quite a bit,” said Schaeffer. “It always puts me in a good mood.”

The band has many other plans in their future. “We plan to record at a studio in the future,” said Orlando. “We plan to release a 4-song EP quite soon.”

The band plans to play more locally as well. “We also want to have a big online presence as well with sites like MySpace, Facebook, etc,” said Fischer. “We plan to play whenever our schedules work and we’re really looking forward to playing for people.”

Prominent figures pass away, sparks interest in media

Becky Jarding
Co-Editor

This summer marked losses in the entertainment, political, and athletic spectrums. These losses had nothing to do with the economy, as did many events of the summer, but with individuals.

Walter Cronkite, John Hughes, Farrah Fawcett, Ted Kennedy, Michael Jackson, and Steve McNair all passed away during the months of June, July, and August.

For some of these individuals, their death was covered more by the media than the last few years of their lives.

Meghan Bannwarth, a senior, admitted she had never heard of Cronkite or Hughes until their death had been on the news.

Also covered on the news was Michael Jackson’s death, which was highly publicized, and it dominated the front page of several issues of People magazine.

He was given a memorial service which family, celebrity friends, and millions of fans attended. Ever since his death, a multitude of television specials and movies have aired.

On Jackson’s birthday, August 29, a month after his death, Google’s homepage adorned his famous tiptoe pose in its title.

It goes without saying that Jackson’s legacy is being kept alive by his fans. However, some wonder why Jackson’s death is receiving so much media attention.

“Obviously Michael Jackson’s going to get a lot of media attention because he’s a legend,

but there’s a point where it just gets to be too much,” said Bannwarth. “It’s turning into a long, drawn out affair.”

The trend of extensively reporting on a celebrity’s death has some individuals wondering when the coverage begins to be too much.

“I think it’s nice to have a piece on a celebrity when they die to commemorate them, but when it becomes too intrusive, it’s disrespectful to the individual, who would probably want their personal life to remain private,” said Bannwarth.

Another question that comes to mind is whether or not celebrities who have troubling backgrounds should be held in such high esteem. Jackson, for example, was involved in child molestation charges and controversies over his plastic surgery.

“Flawed celebrities are just like regular people but their flaws are magnified because of who they are,” said senior Liz Bunkers. “They need to remember that since they’re in the spotlight they need to be more accountable for their actions since people are watching their every move.”

Kennedy as well was surrounded by scandal with the Chappaquiddick incident, when a woman he was driving died in a car accident, and he failed to report her death until authorities had discovered her body. He received little or no punishment and then went on to continue his service to the United States Senate.

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Fall, winter bring lots of layering in fashion

Abby Meyers
Activities Co-Editor

Tired of searching your closet and finding nothing to wear? Well, you are in luck, because this fall’s fashion trends are filled with style and can be found at any of your favorite stores.

With fall and winter coming up, cold and miserable weather is making its way to the Midwest; however fashion has found a way to heat things up. Nobody will want to be left out of the trends this season.

Layering is one of the many big trends this fall. Whether it’s layering your favorite cardigan over graphic Ts, or tank tops over long-sleeves, it is in.

Tweed, my personal favorite, is the pattern of the season, and it

can be worn in a variety of pieces, such as coats, blazers, and even skirts.

Jeans are a little trendier this season. Look for ripped and torn denim in either skinny or boyfriend jean, and by boyfriend I don’t mean borrowing your boyfriend’s jeans.

Legging pants are also a hip trend this fall. This trend has room for many options, as it can be paired with flats or even boots.

Get rid of last year’s ankle boots because this year, tall is in. These boots can be worn with skinny jeans and they also look super cute with leggings.

Sweater dresses are in once again this year and are a great way to stay warm and look cute.

If today happens to be one of those days where nothing seems

to look right, pairing a plaid tunic with leggings and a cute pair of boots is the way to go.

Another option that you can’t go wrong with this season are neon colors and graphic T-shirts. Just try not to go overboard with the neon; it tends to get a little obnoxious.

If you enjoy accessorizing, thick necklaces are the way to go. Headbands and scarves are also a fabulous accessory and can both easily compliment any outfit.

Last, but not least, is matte nail polish. It goes great with every possible outfit.

This season is full of fun affordable items that can be found just about anywhere. So make sure to spice up your closet this season with the latest fall fashion trends.



PRESS PHOTO

These two models show examples of the latest fall trends.

Taylor’s Tips For Teens: Freshman Edition

Taylor Reaves
Activities Co-Editor

At last, the class of 2013 has entered O’Gorman High School. As a senior, I know as well as anyone the trials and tribulations of high school. Yet, still riding the forefront of my memory is freshman year. I often wonder, “If I had been equipped with more knowledge of managing freshman year, how would my experience have differed?” Over time it has become evident to me that freshmen need not a survival guide, but a guiding hand to better understand the first months of high school. And so I bring you, Taylor’s Tips for Teens: Freshman Edition.

1. **Get Involved:** Whether your niche is athletics, music, theatre, or any of the other organizations offered by O’Gorman, try to find a way to engage yourself. If you aren’t involved in any extracurricular activities, find different events to attend to support your O’Gorman Knights.



2. **Who to Avoid:** Do you continually forget to wear a belt? Do you have a shirt that just won’t stay tucked in? With the massive amount of stairways around the new school, try to find alternate routes around Commander Van Engen and Sergeant Whiting’s classrooms. Failure to do so will result in having to report to Lieutenant Garrison at 7:25 A.M. in the large group study hall.

3. **Use your locker:** Not only do you look like a hunchback totting all of your books around

on your back, but it can’t be comfortable either. Keep in mind while socializing by your locker to avoid clogging the hallway.

4. **Lessen the Make-up:** Remember, girls, this is not clown school. Try to follow the saying, “less is more.”

5. **Be yourself:** You’ve heard it a million times, but actually do it. Make sure that people like you for who you are, rather than who you are pretending to be.

You will get out of freshman year what you put into it. Ignore the ever popular sayings, “freshmeat!”, or “run freshman, run!” Remember, though they may forget from time to time, the upper-classman were once freshman, too. Underneath the rough exterior is an insecure teenager who at one time was told that himself.

This first year of your high school career may determine a significant part of your future at O’Gorman. So, make the most of it!

Students hope for Agora’s future return to O’Gorman

Cameron Johnson
Staff Writer

Although many clubs came into existence last year, only one will not be returning. Agora, the school’s 20-30 student philosophy club, will not be returning to see another year.

Agora has been around for a few years; members met mostly in restaurants or coffee shops, but last year it was put on a temporary, experimental trial.

“There’s a lot that goes into starting a club,” said O’Gorman principal Kyle Groos. “You need teachers to supervise, as well as the club meeting its goal.”

Agora’s goal last year was to talk about ideas and topics and to also give your opinions on said ideas. These topics could include politics, philosophy, psychology, and

other such matters. Somewhere along the line, however, their goal became a little too mixed up, and it became too persuasive, rather than open for debate.

“I am a little disappointed that

“I think that it is possible that Agora could return to the halls of O’Gorman in the future.”

- Mr. Schaefer

the club will not be returning,” said former junior member Ben Linsenmeyer. “It gave me a better understanding of complicated issues that are not discussed in high

school. I will greatly miss it.”

“It was a time for people to come together, debate, and enjoy each other’s company,” said Agora advisor Mr. Schaefer. “Some came to listen, others came to get into the thick of things, and all were welcome and encouraged to participate.”

As a result of not meeting their goal, it will not be returning this year. But what about in future years?

“There’s always possibilities,” said Groos.

Schaefer agrees. “I think that it is possible that Agora could return to the halls of O’Gorman in the future,” said Schaefer, “but at this time it is not certain.”

The club could possibly continue in restaurants, but for the time being, it will not continue to flourish in the halls of O’Gorman.

Meet Randolph, the *Scroll* mascot

Randolph Demetri Upperlip Salisbury Esquire
Scroll Mascot

Hello, Randolph here. I’m the new *Knight Scroll* mascot. I’m here to introduce you to the first issue of the *Knight Scroll* this year. It’s a jolly good read! I’m looking forward to all the students’ feedback.

To give you more information on me, I was born November 17, 1932 in a synagogue in Brooklyn, New

York. My hobbies include skydiving (yes, even at my age) and trying to get out of my bed in the morning. I enjoy a nice pair of slacks and my favorite film is *Some Like It Hot* starring Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe.

That’s just a little info on me for now. It’s almost 3:00 and time for my dinner! Good-bye all and keep reading the *Knight Scroll*!

Photo Survey

What teacher would you spend the day with and why?



Mr. Basche because he’s hilarious! - “Sniff of a clue”



Mr. Van Engen because he has a good fashion sense. We can go shopping together!



Mr. Lorang because he has really funny stories!



Frau, she is a lot of fun!

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Juniors thinking they have seniority

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extremes, however. It is becoming an increasingly popular option for students to work at a part-time job that gives them tuition benefits, while still attending college.

Olson advises this to students who are dealing with this financial decision, as it allows a student to maintain positive study habits while earning an income.

Several Sioux Falls businesses, such as Wells Fargo, Citibank, Sanford Health, and Raven Industries, provide college students with the option of receiving tuition benefits while working.

Another way in which students are practicing frugality is in attending schools closer to home.

"It doesn't necessarily mean that students can't, or won't, go to their distant dream schools," said Olson. "They just have to decide how and where to spend their money."

Students are weighing not only the cost of a more expensive out-of-state tuition, but they are also taking travel expenses into consid-

eration.

Despite financial expenses, Olson instructs students to still keep their options open.

"Don't focus on just a school's sticker price," said Olson. "By applying for any and all scholarship opportunities you can, your dream school can still be a possibility."

Universities themselves are also affected by the economy. Olson explains that when a school, public or private, gets a donation, the money is put into the stock market. As a result, universities' endowments are lower now than they have been in past years.

Also, as with any business, there are certain costs that must be covered, such as paying salaries and taking care of electric bills. Schools will need to make certain changes to adapt to their new budgets.

Students, however, may not see these changes taking place.

"Because college is for the students, schools won't be cutting back on anything that directly affects them," said Olson. "What will be cut is the behind-the-scenes work that goes into managing a business."

LOSSES

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Some people view this as another example of influential people's ability to get away with more than the average individual.

"Celebrities shouldn't be above the law, but there are times that the justice system is corrupted by fame and fortune," said Bunkers.

However, many individuals overlook such shortcomings because they realize that influential people are just that, people, and should not be judged too harshly.

"I don't think that one mistake should outweigh the good Ted

Kennedy did in politics," said Bunkers. "In the end, people shouldn't remember the few mistakes you made and learned from but the triumphs and achievements you made in life."

Bannwarth too agreed that people should be remembered for more than just their shortcomings in life.

"Yes, Michael Jackson made a lot of mistakes and was surrounded by controversy and scandal, but he also redefined pop music and truly changed the lives of people around the world," said Bannwarth. "Everybody's going to be flawed, not just celebrities."



KNIGHT SCROLL

Andie Lamis, Kristina DeMarais, Mike Hardie, Zach Beare and Cory Steffen dress for Spirit Day during Homecoming week.

HOMEcoming

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The pep rally and games Friday afternoon were great reminders of what Homecoming is really about – school spirit. Cheerleaders put together a great show to get students involved in the pep

rally, that included the school song and cheers to get students excited for Friday night's game.

This year's Homecoming will never be forgotten. The amount of school spirit put out by O'Gorman was noticeable as the Knights also gained another 13-6 victory over the Rapid City Raid-

ers and students danced their way to the center of the field at the end of the game.

"Homecoming is a great way to start out the year," said Mrs. Joan Mahoney. "It brings everyone together to celebrate the history and future of our school."

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